Public Information Meeting: Hospital Downsizing (Dix & Umstead) and Community Services Expansion



Why Do This?

- 1989, Mental Health Study Commission Comprehensive Plan for Persons with Severe & Persistent Mental Illness stressed importance of local care.
 - Philosophy: The community is the best place to provide care for the majority of individuals with severe & persistent mental illness.
 Programming offered in the most appropriate setting, close to home, provides structure & stability to persons with special needs.

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- 1999, Olmstead Case
 - U.S. Supreme Court decision.
 - Inappropriate institutionalization perpetuates unwarranted assumptions that persons so isolated are incapable or unworthy of participation in community life.
 - Such confinement severely diminishes the everyday life activities of individuals, including family relations, social controls, etc.

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Olmstead (continued)

States are required to provide community-based treatment for persons with mental disabilities when the state's treatment professionals determine that such placement is appropriate, the affected person does not oppose such treatment and the placement can be reasonably accommodated, taking into account the resources available to the state.

Why Do This? 2000, Consultant (PCG) Recommendations Reduce state hospital beds by 667. Direct savings from downsizing to community. Bridge funding will be needed to build community capacity.

Why Do This? 2001, Consultant (MGT) Recommendations Move children out of state hospitals. Discontinue serving elderly long-term. Treat substance abuse clients in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Centers (ADATCs)



Why Do This? 2001, Mental Health Reform (continued) NC Statutes (GS 122-C (2) amended by adding: It is further the obligation of state and local government to provide community-based services when such services are appropriate, unopposed by the affected individuals, and can be reasonably accommodated within available resources, taking into account the needs of other person for mh/dd/sa services.

Determining Bed Capacity in State Hospitals Role of state psychiatric hospitals in public mental health system. Recommendations by consultants. Community-based service delivery system. Transfer of funds to expand community services.

Role of State Hospitals Subcommittee of DHHS Secretary's State Plan Advisory Committee, June 2001. Ultimate role should be to provide long-term rehabilitative services people with severe and persistent mental illness. Children should be served in local or regional programs, not state hospitals.

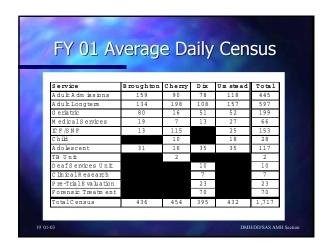




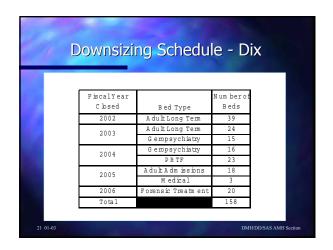


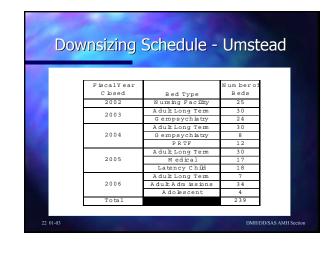






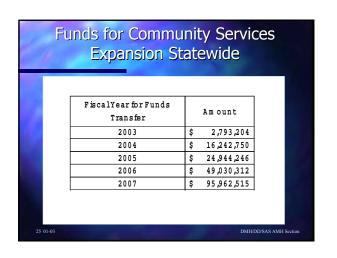












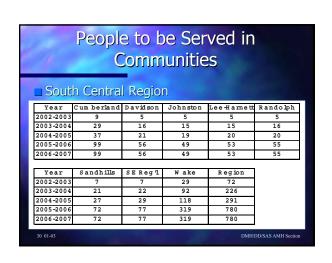
Downsizing Implementation Cooperative effort between hospitals and area programs. Identify beds to close. Identify systems-level community services to build. Allocate bridge/start-up funds. Implement community services. ID specific patients to transfer to community.

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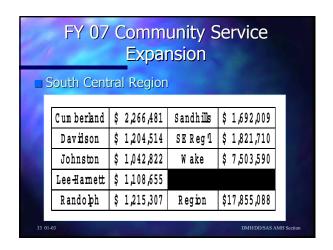


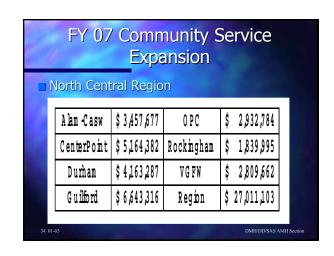
















Monitoring

- State will monitor people's wellbeing after return to their communities.
 - Review discharge plans before discharge.
 - Monthly visits to area programs by Division staff
 - Consumer outcomes reviewed during monthly visits
 - Summary of services/supports used by each person submitted monthly.

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